Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha on 3rd December, 2002 and 16th December, 2002 respectively, received the assent of the President on 6th January, 2003 and 'The Freedom of Information Act, 2002' has been published in the Gazette of India on 7th January, 2003.

Amendment of Central Civil Services Conduct Rules

†1117. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to amend Central Civil Services Conduct Rules and All India Services Conduct Rules;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action so far in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the action taken; and

(d) what improvements Government intend to bring in the administration through these amendments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (d) No Sir. However, it is stated that revision/amendment and updating of the rules and orders/instructions relating to conditions of service including the Conduct Rules of the Central Government employees are done on an ongoing basis, whenever Government finds the need for the same. Several amendments to the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules have been made since its promulgation in 1964. The Government had constituted a Study Group regarding rewriting of the All India Service (Conduct) Rules, 1968. The Study Group has since submitted a report.

Employment on compassionate grounds

1118. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a Government policy to provide for employment to the surviving spouse/other member in the family, when an employee dies in harness;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.